MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMAMABHA PILLAI: Sir, over 700 questions have been sent up by different members. We are spending only 20 or 25 minutes every day for questions and answers. I would therefore request you, Sir, to issue instructions to the Legislative Department to include more questions and answers in the agenda from tomorrow onwards.

PRESIDENT: I may assure hon'ble members that the answering of questions is being expedited. I shall bear in mind what has fallen from the non-official benches. I have given instructions to the Secretary to include more questions and answers, if possible from tomorrow.

DEMANDS FOR GRANTS—(*Contd*).

DEMAND IV—EDUCATION—(*Contd*).

MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*): Sir, at this time of economic depression it has become very difficult for the people to pay the present high rates of fees. The present rates are so high that it is beyond the scope of ordinary people to bear the expenses of education. It should be the concern of the Government to afford ample facilities to all classes of His Highness's subjects, in the matter of education. Except very few individuals, there are no people who do not feel the strain of sending their children to schools and colleges. Unless substantial reduction is made in school fees, a number of students who are desirous of prosecuting their studies will have to discontinue their studies. Even now there are many who do not send their children to the schools on this ground. That is certainly inconsistent with the policy of Government in the matter of education.

Sir, it may be that Government may lose some money if they reduce the fees; but that loss, then should be prepared to incur for the general welfare of the people. The difficulty experienced by the people can be seen from the abnormal increase in the number of fee concession applications in recent years. Considering the present rate of fees, and the general depression, I should think that a reduction of school fees by fifty per cent would not be an unreasonable demand.

MR. N. JOHN JOSEPH (*Nominated*): സർ, ഞാൻ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ ഹാർട്ടിലുമായി പിൻതാങ്ങുന്നു. ധനസ്ഥിതിയുള്ള സമുദായക്കാർ തന്നെ ഫീസിൽ ഒരു ശതമാനം കുറയ്ക്കണമെന്നു ഗവണ്മെൻറിനെ ഉൽബോധിപ്പിക്കുമ്പോൾ അവശസമുദായക്കാരുടെ കാര്യം എത്രത്തോളം പരിതാപകരമാണെന്നു ഗവണ്മെൻറു നല്ലവണ്ണം ചിന്തിക്കേണ്ടതാണ്. ഫാർ മുതൽക്കാണ് സാമ്പത്തികാധഃപതനം രാജ്യത്തു പരക്കെബാധിച്ചതു്. അതിന് ഇതുവരെയും ഒരു ശമനം ഉണ്ടായിട്ടില്ല. അവശസമുദായക്കാരെക്കുറിച്ചാണെങ്കിൽ ഗവണ്മെൻറ് ഇതിനുമുമ്പുതന്നെ ഫീസ്

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